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Dear Ms. Morgan:

Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc. (MMNA) submits this letter pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 579.12 – Foreign Campaigns. Mitsubishi Motors Corporation (MMC) has advised us that certain 2011 Lancer and Lancer Sportback vehicles distributed in European Countries and equipped with diesel engines are subject to a safety recall campaign involving the alternator pulley.

The affected vehicles are substantially similar to the 2011 Lancer and Lancer Sportback vehicles imported into the United States by MMNA and into Puerto Rico by Mitsubishi Motor Sales Caribbean (MMSC). However, the vehicles imported into the United States and Puerto Rico are not affected by this recall because the vehicles for the United States and Puerto Rico are equipped with gasoline engines and a different type of alternator.

1. The manufacturer's name: **Mitsubishi Motors Corporation**

2. Identification of the vehicles:

2011 MY Lancer and Lancer Sportback manufactured between June 15, 2010 and September 12, 2011.

3. Number of vehicles involved: **Approximately 3,600**

4. Defect description:

Due to improper tightening and accuracy/flatness of the alternator pulley flange surface, the contact surface of pulley might be deformed by tension from the alternator belt. As a result, the tightening torque of the alternator pulley will be decreased, resulting in the pulley detaching from the alternator. The pulley will drop off the engine compartment or on the road in the worst case.

5. Foreign countries where recall will be launched: **Germany and other European countries.**

6. Safety recall or other safety campaign: **Safety Recall**

7. Recall determination government or manufacturer: **Manufacturer**

8. Remedy:

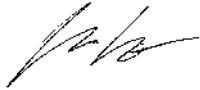
For all affected vehicles, the alternator assembly will be replaced with a modified one.

9. Date recall started or will start: **Middle of February, 2012**

10. Number of vehicles sold in the USA or territories: **None**

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at one of the contact points listed below.

Sincerely,



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